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1. The Soviets are training Chinese Communist air and naval personnel, constructing and reconditioning airfields and ports, and intensifying international Communist indoctrination for the Chinese Communists.
2. The Soviets are also assisting the Communists to restore munitions factories and communications lines destroyed by the Nationalists. Examples include the reopening of the Hankow-Canton railroad and the resumption of operations at the Hsiao Pei (小 北) Arsenal, Canton.
3. The Soviets are laying out air defense in important coastal cities against Nationalist air raids. Thirty anti-aircraft (AA) guns recently brought from the USSR have gun crews trained in Siberia. More than 40 members of a Soviet advisory group are aiding Chinese Communist military personnel to install AA guns in east Chekiang. Four Soviet AA guns and 16 AA machine guns are at the foot of White Cloud Mountain, Canton.
4. Soviet air and meteorological advisers are aiding Communist field armies.

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5. In early January Chinese Communists in Shanghai, on orders from the USSR, began to select 100,000 enlisted men for training in the USSR. The men will be selected from units at Tsingtao, Peiping, Hsuehou (117-16, 34-18), Ningpo, etc.
6. About 2 February the Communists were drafting able-bodied men into service and requisitioning large quantities of foodstuff in south Chekiang and Fukien for concentration at Hsuehou.
7. During January many Soviet air force advisers inspected Lishe Airfield, Ningpo.

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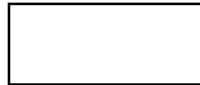
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and decided to expand the field from 700 to 1,700 sq. Work was in progress on the field in early February.

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8. The Chinese Communist Government, Peiping, has ordered the South China Bureau to see that Communists in South China maintain morale despite Nationalist air raid damage. The Peiping order intimated that the Communist ordeal would soon be over, from which informant deduces that planes promised by the Soviets may reach China for action in early March.
9. Two groups of Chinese Communist Air Force personnel are being trained by the Soviets in Siberia. Their training will be completed in three months, at which time they will receive from the Soviets new-type (sic) planes for combat missions against Nationalist bases on Taiwan.

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10. The Soviets are guiding the reconditioning of airfields in Lanchow (103-41, 36-03), Tihua and Kueishui (111-37, 40-47).
11. The Communists have begun to recondition an airfield in Yushan (118-13, 28-43) and are building some western-style bungalows nearby. The Communists are also reconditioning the Ningpo* airfield and lengthening runways, and are putting gravel on the Ningpo-Wenchow (120-38, 28-01) highway.
12. More than 1,000 artillery pieces of various kinds, as well as military supplies and communications equipment, have passed from the USSR south on the Tientsin-Pukou railroad.

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Comment. This may refer to Changchiao Airfield, Ningpo, since Lishe Airfield was mentioned in paragraph 7.

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